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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : Presidential Briefing Coordinator

SUBJECT : Preparations for Future Briefings [REDACTED]

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In case you have time here are three packages.

- A. Southern Africa. Here is some backup material you may want to review.
- B. Nonaligned Movement. A new briefing outline is here, but I think it still needs work so I don't recommend you spend time on it unless you really want to.
- C. [REDACTED] This is a copy of the basic material sent to the DCI for his review. [REDACTED]

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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Central Intelligence
FROM : Presidential Briefing Coordinator
SUBJECT : Preparations for the 21 March Presidential Briefing [redacted]

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1. The basic briefings for three topics have been put in the attached notebook to help you get the sense of how they would flow. The backup material for each topic is in a separate folder. These topics are:

Attached

[redacted]
-Sary Shagan (I see this as a lead-in to the

2. Also included are packages on the following topics.

[redacted] This includes the briefing paper and graphics under preparation for Mr. Bowie. Note it's designed to ask the President what he wants and then give one or the other briefing, but not both. However, in either case it still needs drastic pruning.

-The West Bank. The package containing some basic material from [redacted] which could produce a timely and interesting briefing was inadvertently forwarded to you separately via [redacted]

-International Oil. This is discussed below. [redacted]

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3. Finally the package on Soviet Command and Control and the memorandum on Soviet Forgeries which you may want to give to Dr. Brzezinski are included for your review.

4. The main question is, "Which of these to use?" Two of them deserve a specific layout of pros and cons.

A. [redacted] Mr. Bowie will give a fine briefing. However, against this must be weighed these factors.

-He will have just returned and will have to spend most of Tuesday preparing himself to his high standards. 25X1
-The topic is not urgent, e.g. 4 April (just before Foreign Minister Sonoda arrives) would be just as good.

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B. International Oil

-Maurice Ernst, as his cover memorandum details, feels that oil will be very much at the front of the President's mind and that nowhere else will he get the kind of picture of the mid-term that is in this briefing and that he needs.

-You and the DDCI think that the President does understand the problem in which case you will either find yourself telling him what he already knows or, worse, discussing things he knows better than you do.

-I recommend, if you can afford the preparation time, that you take the approach described in my sketch of telling the President our conclusions in three sentences and then tell him if those conclusions aren't news to him you won't waste his time, if they are news you'll go through the briefing.

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5. A final unrelated question arises from the Vice President's plan to visit Iceland, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland and the Netherlands 13-22 April. Do you want to try to brief him yourself before he leaves? I know of nothing urgent for you to present. However, you could be helpful.

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INTERNATIONAL OIL

- I. I have been reviewing my analysts work on this.
- II. Their basic conclusions are
 - A. In essence we've lost the global oil supply cushion that we thought would give us some years to work out our energy problems.
 - B. This is not only a problem for the next few months; it will persist.
 - We will remain vulnerable to interruptions of oil supplies from any source.
 - Inflationary and recessionary risks will persist for years rather than just months.
- III. If these conclusions seem self-evident, I'll not waste your time on this. But if they aren't, I'm prepared to discuss the foundations of these conclusions.

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